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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 14 with the following paragraph:

A1 The cooperating fastener component can be a loop material such as, for example, a woven, knit and/or nonwoven loop material. As a further example, the nonwoven loop material can be a pattern unbonded material. For example, the nonwoven loop material may be a pattern unbonded material such as, for example, the material described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,858,515 and/or 5,763,041, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 4, line 22 with the following paragraph:

A2 With reference to the Figures, an article, such as a sanitary napkin 10 illustrated in FIGS. 1A-E has a lengthwise, longitudinal direction 26, a lateral cross-direction 24, and a longitudinally extending medial line 40. The article includes a first article portion, a second article portion and at least one fastener 36 for securing the first article portion to the second article portion. Such securement can, for example, be configured to thereby hold the article on a wearer. The fastener desirably includes at least one, first fastener component 70 attached to an appointed section of the first (or second) article portion, and a cooperating fastener component 72 attached to the second (or first) article portion. The first fastener component 70 includes an engagement section having a first plurality of engagement